

# SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Christ the King Sunday*

November 24, 2024

*400 River Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29212*

*In the order of service, congregational responses are printed in **bold**.*

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Please Stand*

### GATHERING HYMN

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

**ELW 855**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,  
our refuge, our delight,  
our beginning and our end.

**Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,  
**we confess that sin has taken hold of us  
and we are complicit in its power.**

**We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.**

**Unbind us and set us free.**

**Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,  
that we may live just and generous lives  
for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors,  
following in the servant way of Jesus.**

**Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,  
swallowing up death forever.

For his sake, you are ✙ forgiven and God remembers your sin no more.

Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation. **Amen.**

### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.*

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

**This is the Feast**

**ELW page 187**

*This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.  
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.*

*This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.  
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.*

*This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please Sit.*

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

**FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

*To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.*

<sup>9</sup>As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne,  
his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.

<sup>10</sup>A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousands served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

<sup>13</sup>As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.

<sup>14</sup>To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 93 (*Sung Responsively*)



<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and <sup>1</sup>armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- <sup>1</sup>not be moved.

<sup>2</sup>**Ever since the world began, your throne has <sup>1</sup>been established; you are from <sup>1</sup>everlasting.**

<sup>3</sup>The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted <sup>1</sup>up their voice; the waters have lifted up their <sup>1</sup>pounding waves.

<sup>4</sup>**Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers <sup>1</sup>of the sea, mightier is the LORD who <sup>1</sup>dwells on high.**

<sup>5</sup>Your testimonies are <sup>1</sup>very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- <sup>1</sup>evermore.

### SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8

*The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.*

<sup>4b</sup>Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**ELW page 188**

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia.*

## **GOSPEL: John 18:33-37**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In John’s gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.*

<sup>33</sup>Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please Sit*

## **MESSAGE**

Frank W. Anderson

*Please Stand*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us?*

**ELW 431**

## **APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Revive our congregations, synods, and national church body to reflect the love, justice, and kinship of your kingdom. Raise up diverse leaders who teach and serve your people. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Nourish parched lands and bring relief to flooded places. Protect wildlife habitats and endangered species, that the chorus of creation's praise resounds with joy. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Grant wisdom to the leaders who govern, legislate, and deliberate on our behalf. Advance your nonviolent reign of justice-seeking love through their work. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Draw near to those who are detained, on trial, or incarcerated. Transform systems of retribution into systems of reconciliation and restoration. Empower activists who advocate for change. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Remind us of your enduring love in all seasons. Guide the planning efforts of worship leaders and volunteers who usher our congregation into a meaningful Advent. Watch over and shine your light on those who are sick, suffer pain, or are in harm's way, especially....Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

In your eternal presence the saints sing of your majesty. Join our voices with theirs in praise to the one who loves us and frees us from sin. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*Please Sit*

# THANKSGIVING AND MEAL

*We give in grateful response for all God's gifts; God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

## OFFERING

*We offer the convenience of **secure online giving** through Tithe.ly. Please see the back page for more information about online giving. Offering plates are currently located at each entrance/exit for your convenience. If you need an envelope, please ask an usher.*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*The Reign of God, Like Farmer's Field*

Choir

*Please Stand*

## OFFERING HYMN

*Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring*

**ELW 691**

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**ELW page 190**

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.*

*Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life. Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and

decay, the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm. Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:

The earth is full of your glory: **The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.

In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection.

Broken like bread, he enlivens our body. Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.

Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song:

The earth is full of your glory: **The earth is full of your glory.**

We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth.

*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.*

*Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:*

*This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:

The earth is full of your glory: **The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead.

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ. Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth.

Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again:

The earth is full of your glory: **The earth is full of your glory.**

Amen, and amen. **Amen, and amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

*Please Sit*



## COMMUNION

*Holy Communion is offered to all who believe in Jesus Christ, who confess their sins, and seek forgiveness. For those who are able, an usher will instruct the congregation when to come forward using the center aisle; please return to your pew using the side aisles. Wine, juice (white), and gluten-free wafers are available. Please alert an usher if you require assistance so communion can be brought to you.*

## LAMB OF GOD

ELW page191

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

*You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd*

ACS 954



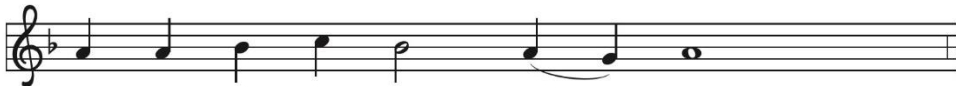
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.  
2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,  
3 You, who walk each day be - side us,  
4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



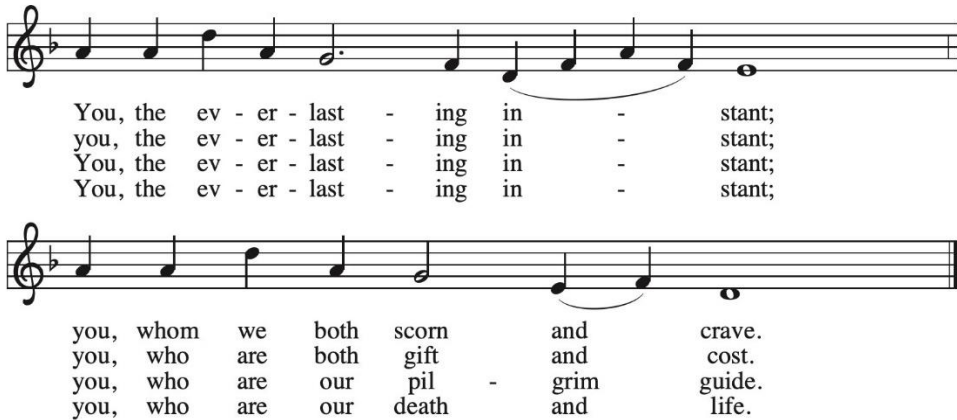
You, Lord, are both prince and slave,  
stripped of might up - on the cross,  
sit in pow - er at God's side.  
Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er  
shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,  
You, who preach a way that's nar - row,  
Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.  
beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,  
have a love that reach - es wide.  
wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;

you, whom we both scorn and crave.  
 you, who are both gift and cost.  
 you, who are our pil - grim and guide.  
 you, who are our death and life.

## COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

## BLESSING

The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, ✚ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*Before You, Lord, We Bow*

**ELW 893**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Copyright © 2024 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS006042. New Revised Standard Version Bible, Copyright © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Revised Common Lectionary, Copyright © 2012 Consultation on Common Texts, admin Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission.

++++++

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Sacristans: Kristi Kunar & Judith Nevergoll

Lector: Harry Metz

Ushers: Bill Smoak and Mike Burgess


**ALTAR FLOWERS** given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of his parents, Roscoe & Ludell Slice, and step-grandson William Tedder Russell, by Larry Slice.

**THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL** 4:55 pm Mon & Fri Update Calls from Pastor Frank!

<u><b>TODAY, November 24</b></u> <i><b>Christ the King</b></i>	9:15 a.m. Sunday School
	10:00 a.m. Choir Warmup
	<i><b>10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion—also streaming</b></i>
<u>Tuesday, Nov 26</u>	12:00 p.m. AA Meeting ( <i>Back to Basics Group</i> ) FH
	<i><b>6:00 p.m. LMM Dinner Meeting &amp; Chrismon Tree</b></i>
<u>Wednesday, Nov 27</u>	10:00 a.m. Bible Study – Pastoral Epistles - Fellowship H.
	7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room
<u>Thursday, Nov 28</u>	12:00 p.m. AA Meeting ( <i>Back to Basics Group</i> ) FH
<b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED UNTIL NEXT TUESDAY</b>
<u>Friday, Nov 29</u>	10:00 a.m. AA Meeting ( <i>Mid-Morning Meeting</i> ) ChEd
<u>Next Sunday, Dec 1</u> <i><b>Advent 1</b></i>	9:15 a.m. Sunday School
	10:00 a.m. Choir Warmup
	<i><b>10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion—also streaming</b></i>

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>—BEER & CAROLS!** Join us as we kick off the festive season with tacky sweaters, carol singing, and commemorating the Repeal of Prohibition (aka Kris’s birthday) at Craft & Draft, Irmo. Brent Lundy will help lead us in carols beginning at 5 pm. This always ends up being lots of fun so don’t worry if you aren’t a singer. Come for the fellowship.

**LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS**  
**FOR FRIENDS--HOME, REHAB, SENIOR LIVING\* AND/OR ILL**

*Dot Black	Kristin Belusko	Crosby Livingston	
*Bob Bowers	Carolyn Cook	Sharon Lundy	
*Don & Gwen Buff	Donny Day	Angie Matlosz	
*Rose Colley	Sharolyn Esgar	Terry Matlosz	
*Helen Derrick	Lisa Gillespie	Caroline McCauley	Jane Potts
*Virgie Dreher	Douglas Gourley	Gary McManus	Grady Sharpe
*Barbara Fowler	Joy Gunter	Bob Michelsen	Melinda Sharpe
*Alma Paulson	David Heinrich	Paul Nevergoll	Richard Starnes
*Miriam Shealy	Alice King	Judy Olson	Marlene Stirewalt
*Tommae Sligh	Jill Lee	Harry O’Quinn	Bruce Whelchel
*JoAnn Smoak	Mickey Lindler	Brooke Pittman	Sabrina Whitecotton

**MEMBERS & FAMILIES OF THE US ARMED FORCES & MILITARY, INCLUDING:**

Tyler Alexander, USMC; Sherri S’s grandson	Collin Maloney, USAOTS; Mike & Karla’s son
Samantha Davis, USA; Gene & Diana’s niece	Griffin McLeod, SCNG; Mandy’s son
Zachary Davis, USN; Carolyn’s grandson	Hunter Purvis USA; Jerry & Cheryl’s SIL
Grant Frick, SCNG; Linda F’s grandson	

# SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*



**If you are a guest, welcome!** Please ask an usher for a blue *Connections Card* and drop it in the offering plate so that we can get to know you better. As you leave today, be sure to introduce yourself to the pastor. If you would like to learn about membership or have other questions, please call the church office. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

**Tithe.ly online giving** direct via the ONLINE GIVING tab at [www.stmichael1814.com](http://www.stmichael1814.com) and available in the app store, [www.tithe.ly/give](http://www.tithe.ly/give). One-time or recurring gifts can be scheduled, eliminating the need for carrying cash or check writing. The process is quick, safe, and funds are deposited

immediately. Personal information is secure, and you can change your giving profile at any time. Designations for memorial or special gifts are available on the drop down fund menu. An instant receipt is sent via email or text for your tax records, too.

**Restrooms located** in both the Administrative and Christian Education Buildings.

**Children are always welcome** in our worship service, but for those who desire it, a nursery is located in the Administrative Building. We stream via Facebook Live.

**Large Print** bulletins available from an usher.

## *The People of Saint Michael, Ministers*

*The Reverend Frank W. Anderson, Pastor*

*Karen Shevenell, Cantor*

*Kris Esgar, Parish Administrator*